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# **U.S. Army Invites Industry to Learn about issuance of Ground Combat Vehicle Request for Proposals**

Warren, MI - The Army will hold a briefing to industry in support of the Ground Combat Vehicle (GCV) effort 1 OCT, 2010 in Dearborn, MI. The event is intended to familiarize industry partners on the GCV requirement changes from the previous RFP and promote understanding and networking among potential program participants. Attendance at this event is voluntary and is not required to submit a proposal.

The Army is committed to the Ground Combat Vehicle program as a necessary means to provide mobile protection for Soldiers against modern combat threats. The Army recently partnered with DOD to review the Ground Combat Vehicle core elements, including vehicle capabilities, operational needs, program schedule, cost, performance and technological specifications. The focus of this “Red Team” review was to prioritize the vehicle’s achievable capabilities within a seven-year development, which is minimum period of time to properly design, develop and test a new vehicle.

Based on these reviews, the Army determined that the acquisition strategy and RFP required changes to meet its program goals. These changes call for the Army’s reliance on mature technologies to develop the vehicle within the established timeframe. In consultation with DOD, the Army concluded that cancellation and issuance of the new RFP was necessary to implement these changes. While this decision will result in a re-start of the contractor selection process, these adjustments are expected to avert any significant program modifications in the future.

A solicitation will not be released prior to this industry day nor will a draft solicitation be presented at this event. The goal of this event is to promote understanding of the proposal requirements, familiarize industry with the Army’s vision for the Ground Combat Vehicle, review the acquisition strategy and to promote discussion of the synergistic capabilities among potential industry partners.

During the industry day, a method of receiving feedback and responding to questions from industry regarding the GCV requirements will be announced. Future announcements on follow up events with industry will be announced via news release and at the Federal Business Opportunities website at <https://www.fbo.gov>